GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MOBILE TELEPHONES IN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Public and Private Sector Companies which are engaged in the expansion of mobile telephone network services;

(b) the names of district headquarters in the country where mobile telephone network services are not available till date; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make mobile telephone network services available in each and every district headquarters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) : Sir, the names of the companies licenced to provide Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) is given in the Annexure.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the house.

(c) As per the terms and conditions of the Licence for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS), in theMetro City Service Areas an operator is required to cover 90% of the Service Area within one year and in the Telecom Circle Service Areas 10% of the District Headquarters within one year and 50% of the District Headquarters within three years. The Licensee is also permitted to cover any other town in a district in lieu of the District Headquarter. The choice of District Headquarters / towns to be covered and further expansion beyond 50% District Headquarters/towns shall lie with the Licensee depending on his business decision. There is no mandatory requirement for coverage of 100% of the districts. However, the Government operator, namely, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) who have been granted CMTS Licencesfor all Service Areas of the country, except for Delhi and Mumbai Metro City Service Areas, envisages to cover all the district headquarters in its licensed service areas.

Annexure

List of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service Licensees

S. No.	Service Area (Metro City/ Telecom Circle)	No. of Licensees	Name of Licensee
1.	DELHI	4	Bharti Cellular Ltd. Sterling Cellular Ltd. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. IDEA Cellular Ltd.
2.	MUMBAI	4	BPL Mobile Communication Ltd. Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
3.	KOLKATA	4	Bharti Mobitel Ltd. Usha Martin Telekom Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Reliable Internet Services Ltd.
4.	CHENNAI	4	RPG Cellular Services Ltd. Bharti Mobinet Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Hutchinson Essar South Ltd
5	Andman, Nicobar & West Bengal	2	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
6	Andhra Pradesh	4	IDEA Cellular Ltd

			Bharti Mobile Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Hutchinson Essar South Ltd
7	Assam	2	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
8	Bihar	2	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
9	Gujarat	4	Fascel Ltd.
			IDEA Cellular Ltd
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Bharti Cellular Ltd.
10.	Haryana	4	Escotel Mobile Communication (P) Ltd.
			Aircel Digilink India Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Bharti Cellular Ltd.
11.	Himachal Pradesh	4	Bharti Telenet Ltd.
			Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
13.	Karnataka	4	Spice Communications Ltd.
			Bharti Mobile Limited
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Hutchinson Essar South Ltd
14.	Kerala	4	BPL Cellular Limited
			Escotel Mobile Communications Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Bharti Cellular Ltd.
15.	Maharashtra	4	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd.
			IDEA Cellular Ltd
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Bharti Cellular Ltd.
16.	Madhya Pradesh	4	BTA Cellcom Ltd.
			Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Bharti Cellular Ltd.
17.	North East	3	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
			Hexacom India Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
18.	Orissa	2	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
19.	Punjab	4	Spice Communications Ltd.
			Bharti Mobile Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.
20.	Rajasthan	4	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.
			Hexacom India Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.
21.	Tamilnadu	4	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd.
			Aircel Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Bharti Cellular Ltd.
22.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	3	Escotel Mobile Communications Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Bharti Cellular Ltd.
23.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	3	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
			Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.
	Total	78	